

Editorial: Elections Are Never Won Till the Votes Are Counted

The Republican foe this year is not the Democrats. It is the danger of Republican smugness and complacency. The Republican party has the chance of a political lifetime. We have a wonderful platform and splendid candidates. It is a chance that the Republicans must not miff because of over-confidence.

Republicans should realize now, while there is still time, that this election, like all elections, will not be won until the votes are counted. Apathy, indifference, may still spell defeat.

Neither our country nor the world can afford to allow the Republican party to lose this critical election.

There is only one answer to this historic challenge for the people of our country. That is a complete and smashing Republican victory—victory all down the line, with decisive majorities not only for our Presidential and Vice Presidential electors, but for our Congressmen and State Legislative candidates as well.

We must not be misled; we must not be lulled to sleep by the premature predictions of the political dopesters. Victory still has to be won—the hard way.

We must not underestimate the vote-getting ability of the Democrats' patronage-fed political machine. We did that in 1936 and we did it again in 1940, with what seemed an unbeatable candidate—Wendell Willkie.

We are hearing today the same kind of misleading talk that has preceded all our defeats; that the South is faced by a serious split; that the big city machines are ready to fall apart.

We'd be fools to be fooled again. The South is still going to come through with its traditional majorities. The big city Democratic mobs are still going to pile up thumping totals for their party.

We know from bitter experience that a strong platform and strong candidates are not enough. Victory is not sure to follow unless we make it follow with the only thing that counts—VOTES.

We know what we're up against. We know what the whites of our enemies' eyes look like. They are the eyes of the thousands on the Federal payroll, who will fight tooth and nail for the party that means their jobs. This is the army of voting Hessians which we face. There can be only one answer—as there was for our forefathers when they fought for liberty: defeat the mercenaries.

We shall not win this election by bewailing the state of the world or by grinding our teeth and denouncing the Democrats or Henry Wallace. We shall not win it by any political miracle.

We shall win only by hard work.

Congressman McConnell Reports On the Work of the 80th Congress

(Editor's Note: The actions of the 80th Congress have become one of the principal issues of the 1948 political campaign throughout the country. In his talks at meetings and rallies, Montgomery County's Congressman Samuel K. McConnell, Jr., of Wynnewood, is currently giving his constituents a first-hand report on this important subject. In an effort to bring it to the attention of every voter in this area, we have prepared a condensation of the Congressman's report. The first installment of this report appeared in last week's issue.)

National Defense
Congress, aware of deteriorating foreign relations, especially with Russia, acted promptly to provide our country with an effective national defense in times of uncertain peace.

We passed a bill providing for unification of the armed services, with Departments for Air, Ground and Naval Forces, each headed by a Secretary and over-all a Secretary of National Defense, subject to the President as Commander-in-Chief.

We passed cash appropriations and contract authorizations for the Military Establishment for the fiscal year ending in 1948 of over \$14,500,000,000.

To "supply" the needed manpower for an enlarged armed services, we enacted a temporary Selective Service Act. Under this act all men 18 through 25 must register, and all those 19 through 25 are subject to induction.

War Veterans
This Congress enacted 188 laws directly benefitting war veterans. Here is a list of some of the measures that were passed.

A bill authorizing financial assistance to disabled veterans in the construction of specially designed homes for veterans paralyzed from the waist down. Fifty percent of construction costs to be borne by the government.

Funds provided to supply special type automobiles for amputees in need of them.

Passed a bill to cash immediately the G. I.'s terminal leave bonds. Raised the ceilings on wages and allowances payable to veterans in on-the-job training.

Increased compensation for dependent survivors of war dead. Authorized sale of permanent war housing to veterans for not more than construction costs.

Increased peacetime service-connected disability compensation rates from 75 to 80 percent of war-time rates.

Housing
In 1947, the 80th Congress freed the people of controls and 835,100 units were completed, and in 1948 construction is running at the rate of about a million units for the year, the greatest housing boom in the history of our country. That is construction, not government blueprints.

We continued rent control, and brought administration to the local communities where it belongs.

We provided a secondary market for G. I. mortgage loans in the Federal National Mortgage Association, to facilitate financing of G. I. home mortgage loans. Further assistance is provided in this bill to the veterans' housing program by making veterans' housing co-operatives and non-profit housing corporations eligible for government insured financing up to 95 percent of the value of the project.

Agriculture
Congress appropriated over \$500,000,000 for soil conservation, and began studies with the intention of adopting a long range comprehensive policy for restoration and conservation of the Nation's agricultural resources. We extended the authority for AAA soil conservation payments through 1951.

Foreign Affairs
We have kept all Congressional commitments to the United Nations; we have acted to strengthen the solidarity of the Western Hemisphere; and we have provided generously for relief and recovery of foreign nations. Congress appropriated over \$9 1/2 billion, and established the Economic Cooperation Administration to administer foreign aid in a business-like efficient manner.

We extended the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act for one year and set up safeguards to the economic interests of this country.

We joined the International Refugee Organization, and gave it \$73,073,900 for its humanitarian work. We passed a bill to admit 205,000 displaced persons into the United States during the next two years and allowed 150,000 war refugees already here to remain.

The Senate ratified treaties of peace with Italy, Rumania, Hungary, and Bulgaria.

Communism
The Republican Party is not and never has been the haven of those alien-minded forces that seek to destroy our Republic. Ours is not the Party in which they have been successful bormers.

Unfolding disclosures reveal all too plainly, the laxness that has prevailed in Washington. It is unbelievable that a person under a cloud of suspicion of disloyalty to his own country, could with ease secure high positions in our government. Cooperation by President Truman with Congress in searching out disloyal persons in the government has been refused and even opposed.

How much better it would be, and how much it would inspire confidence in the Federal government, if the President would co-operate wholeheartedly to rid the payrolls of all subversive disloyal persons. How disillusioning it is to observe his present attitude of no cooperation and even opposition.

It would be very revealing to learn how much the subversive and disloyal employees in the government have caused confusion and slowed up the efficiency of operations, thereby adding to the cost of government and thus to taxpayers.

The Un-American Activities Committee of the House, despite criticism and opposition has been able to spotlight certain Un-American groups and persons.

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\$4.50 a Week Raise for Borough Laborers Sought in Petition Filed by Five Employees

Boro to Install Safety Island at PRR Underpass

Traffic Divider Was Recommended by State Highway Engineer

Narberth Borough Council Monday night authorized the construction of two safety devices at the intersection of N. Wynnewood Ave. and E. Wynnewood Rd. under the Pennsylvania Railroad underpass in Narberth.

The devices, an eight-inch-high cement island and a two-foot-wide cement divider for the center of the intersection, were recommended by H. C. Calvert, traffic engineer of the Pennsylvania Department of Highways.

Robert M. Cameron, chairman of the Council's public safety committee, stated at the Council meeting that the units would be constructed to provide safer traffic conditions at the underpass. The work will be done at a cost of less than \$500 by borough workmen and will be paid for by the borough.

A sketch of the intersection and the proposed construction, drawn by Galvert at the request of Cameron, was submitted to Council. The traffic engineer had been requested to study the intersection and submit a possible method of controlling the flow of traffic.

Galvert's sketch showed that the divider would be located so that traffic turning left from E. Wynnewood Rd. into N. Wynnewood Ave. would be prevented from cutting short the turn into the tunnel and endangering traffic coming out of Narberth through the underpass from N. Wynnewood Ave.

The island would be constructed out from the tunnel in such a position that traffic going south would be prevented from mixing with the northbound traffic turning left into the tunnel.

The intersection, termed by borough officials as one of the worst in the borough, has been without traffic indicators since the resurfacing of the road last year when iron "buttons" imbedded in the street on the south side of the underpass, were removed.

Following the removal of the "buttons," which were the subject of controversy between motorists who claimed they were injurious to automobiles, and borough officials who claimed they were necessary for safety, white lines were painted on the road surface in an effort to control the traffic turns into and from the tunnel.

When it was learned that the painted lines were ineffective, Council authorized the Public Safety Committee to investigate possible means of applying safety devices at the intersection, and the report and sketch submitted by Galvert was termed by the committee as the most practicable solution to the problem.

GOP Headquarters To Open Monday In Ardmore Store

A Dewey-Warren headquarters will be opened on Monday, October 18, in the store at Lancaster Ave. and Rittenhouse Place, Ardmore, it was announced yesterday by J. Walter Hammonds, chairman of the Lower Merion Township Republican Committee.

The headquarters will be open daily, except Sunday, from 2 to 5 P. M. and from 7 to 10 P. M. Telephone number is Ardmore 2270.

Co-chairmen of the headquarters, appointed by Hammonds, are Mrs. Earle Hepburn, president of the Lower Merion Narberth Council of Republican Women, and Dennis J. Ryan.

Hammonds, announcing the opening, urged the public to drop in at the headquarters frequently in the weeks prior to the election November 2. Republican literature and other campaign material will be available.

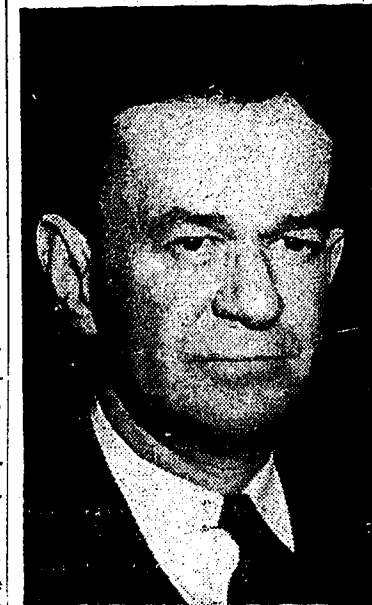
Make Money Writing Ads!

Many local residents have found it profitable to prepare a small classified advertisement, offering for sale some household goods they no longer need, but which may be of considerable value to someone else. For instance, this advertisement appeared in our classified advertising columns several weeks ago.

SOLID MAPLE KITCHEN FURNITURE SET. Four chairs. Porcelain top table. Perfect condition. Phone Hilltop.

Shortly after the ad appeared, Mrs. H. C. Lehne, of Oakmont, reported happily that the goods had been sold. The cost? Only \$14.00.

If you have household goods for sale, or if you need help or are wanting a job, or if you have rooms to rent or are hunting an apartment, use our classified columns. Call for Miss Bradley, who will gladly help you to prepare your advertisement if you desire.



WILLIAM E. HASKELL

N.Y. Journalist To Speak to PTA

Boro Group Sets 500 Membership Goal

William E. Haskell, assistant president of the New York Herald-Tribune, will address the Narberth Parent-Teachers Association Monday evening, October 18, at 8.15, in the school auditorium. He will have as his topic, "What's Going On," and will discuss world affairs and current events.

Haskell, who has been in newspaper work all his life, has been associated with the Herald-Tribune for 18 years. He is at present most active in the fields of public relations, and is well known as a writer and lecturer on journalism and current events.

Mrs. G. Odell Fletcher, Membership Chairman, requests those who have not already joined the PTA to do so at this meeting. It is hoped that the goal of 500 members will be reached by November 1.

JUST for the RECORD...

This column is something new—an experiment which we hope the people of Narberth will like. Help make it interesting by calling or writing us when you see or hear something that you think your neighbors would like to read about or when you have a comment to make about local affairs.

OUR TOWN is thin this week. There is a reason. With this issue we are embarking on a new policy—to make OUR TOWN a 100 percent home-town paper; to exclude from its pages everything that does not in some way affect the borough and its people. The only major exception will be the sports news. That is one department where, we are convinced after talking to many borough residents, our readers' interests are inclined to cross community boundary lines. Are we right? Let us know what you think.

We won't be perfect, of course. But we are going to try, and we hope we shall have the cooperation of the residents of Narberth and the merchants and business people. Only with such cooperation will we be able to give you the kind of a hometown paper you want—and that is the kind of a paper we want to publish.

Just heard that Souderton, a community about the size of Narberth in the upper end of Montgomery County, has decided to get rid of its parking meters. We'll try to find out why... maybe their decision will give our local solons some ideas.

Speaking of parking meters, Borough Council had an unexpected expense in connection with the miserable things this month. According to a report of the Public Safety Committee, Mrs. Delvine Parsons, of 315 Hampden Ave., hurt her finger on a meter so badly that her wedding and engagement rings had to be cut off by a jeweler. Council is sending her a check.

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Lower Merion, Haverford High Meet Saturday at Brookline

Lower Merion High, which has lost only one game—that by a single point—and Haverford High, which hasn't won a game—scored a single point—will meet in a Group A football game Saturday afternoon at Brookline. Opening kickoff will be at 2.15 P. M.

Lower Merion will be an overwhelming favorite in their annual encounter, although—as coaches of both teams pointed out—anything is possible. While sweeping unscathed through a rigorous 10-game schedule last year, Lower Merion tumbled Haverford 34-0.

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"Doc" Howard Is New President of Fire Company

John H. Jefferies Succeeds Him as Vice President

William S. "Doc" Howard, of 204 S. Narberth Ave., prominent Narberth realtor, was elected president of the Narberth Fire Company at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors last Monday night.

"Doc" Howard has been a member of the company's board of directors since its organization and at one time served as treasurer. He served as vice-president last year.

Besides his activities with the Fire Company, Howard has also served as chairman of the Fireworks Committee for Narberth's Fourth of July celebration. He is secretary of the Borough Recreation Board, a director of the National Bank of Narberth, and vice-president of the Narberth Baseball Club.

Howard is also a past president of the Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club. In 1944 he received the Harold D. Speakman Post of the American Legion award for outstanding service to the community.

Howard has been a resident of Narberth for 35 years, and a member of the Fire Company since moving here. He served as an active member during World War II, and is still on the active members list.

Other officers elected at the directors' meeting are John H. Jefferies, Jr., vice-president; Burns F. Best, secretary; Ernest H. Jenkins, financial secretary, and Richard Gillis, treasurer.

Baptist Women Hold Luncheon Launch Year's Activities; Feature Work Projects

Plans for the year's activities of the Women's Association of the Baptist Church of the Evangel, Narberth, were announced at a luncheon meeting in the church October 7.

Mrs. William H. Durbin, president, presided, and the hostesses were the officers and chairmen of the association. Mrs. Cletus Seft sang two numbers, accompanied by Mrs. W. P. Dunnington. The pastor, the Rev. Robert G. Middleton, spoke to the group.

The association meets the first Thursday of each month. Work on White Cross articles and the Christmas bazaar are the principal projects.

Mrs. W. P. Dunnington is chairman of the Christian Education group, which will hold four or five meetings during the year.

Two covered dish luncheons are planned, the first to be held on Election Day, November 2, with Mrs. John Mower as chairman.

The group will visit the Baptist Orphanage October 27.

Playhouse Names Production Cast

The cast for "The Philadelphia Story," first production of the Main Line Playhouse for the 1948-49 season, has been announced by Mrs. Leo D. McDermott, director.

Miss Mildred Pearce, of Cynwyd, will star in the leading role of Tracy Lord. Well known for her play at Plays and Players, Miss Pearce will be seen for the first time by Main Line Playhouse audiences. She is a graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and a Philadelphia radio actress.

Supporting Miss Pearce in the leading male roles will be Frank X. Baxter as C. K. Dexter Haven, and James P. Crosson as Macaulay Connor. Mr. Baxter, also a newcomer to the Playhouse, has toured with USO entertainment groups and appeared with New York stock companies.

Other members of the cast include: "Bride of Fortune," Kane; "Active and Other Poems," by Archibald MacLeish; "Three Roads to Valhalla," by K. P. Stewart; "Heartstones," by B. K. Harris; "And There I Stood With My Piccolo," by Meredith Willson; "Iceland," by Agnes Rothery; "Popular Home Decoration," by Mary Gillis; "Roll Back the Sea," by Doolaard; "Witness for the Prosecution," Agatha Christie, and "Age and Essence," by A. Huxley.

New Books Added to Narberth Library

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26 Boro Firemen March

Twenty-six members of the Volunteer Fire Company of Narberth marched last Thursday in a six-our firemen's parade in Reading, Pa., which marked the closing of the annual State Firemen's Convention.

Led by Chief Albert Nully (two of the company's fire engines were featured in the parade.



WILLIAM H. HOWARD

Boro Expresses Thanks to Durgin For Fire Service

Resolution Calls Attention To His Work During War

The Borough Council Monday night passed the following resolution of appreciation to William H. Durgin:

WHEREAS William H. Durgin has served as a Director of the Narberth Fire Company for 12 years and since 1943 as its President, and

WHEREAS he was at the helm of the company during the war years when many of the younger active members were called into the service, and

WHEREAS he turned to and served as an active member of the "duration," and

WHEREAS under his leadership the Fire Company has maintained and enhanced its position as one of the outstanding volunteer fire fighting organizations in this part of the State, and

WHEREAS he has submitted his resignation as a Director of the Fire Company, which was accepted with regret at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Narberth Borough Council in regular meeting assembled, hereby takes appreciative note of the outstanding and meritorious public service which William H. Durgin has rendered as a Director and President of the Narberth Fire Company, both to the citizens of the Borough and to those outside the Borough who reside in the Narberth Fire Zone, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Durgin and spread upon the minutes of Council.

Youth Injured In Football Game Receives Broken Shoulder Tuesday

George Barclay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Barclay, of 503 Haverford Rd., Narberth, was treated at Bryn Mawr Hospital Tuesday afternoon for injuries received while playing with the Narberth School football team against the Conshohocken School team.

The 13-year-old youngster received a broken right shoulder during the next to the last play of the game, held on the Conshohocken School field.

Rushed to the hospital by Sterling M. Chain, father of one of the players on the Narberth team, Barclay was detained at Bryn Mawr after x-rays showed the extent of his injuries.

Barclay is an eighth grade student at the school and is a veteran of last year's team. He plays football position.

Narberth lost the game by a score of 14-13, although they held a 12-0 lead at one point.

William Dales Lindsey Succumbs in Narberth

William Dales Lindsey, of 307 Woodside Ave., Narberth, died suddenly Monday while visiting in Englewood, N. J.

A Narberth resident for two years, he was an advertising consultant with the Sharples Corporation, Philadelphia, and a member of the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. He had formerly lived in Haverford.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Florence Kirk Lindsey. Services will be held Friday at the Stuard Funeral Home, Ardmore. Interment will be in West Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Narberth Presbyterians Honor War Veterans

The Narberth Presbyterian Church honored the 140 members of its congregation who served in the armed forces during World War II with the presentation of a plaque bearing their names at the morning worship service, Sunday.

The plaque was presented by Clarence H. Woolmington, and received on behalf of the congregation by the Rev. Robert J. Lamont, pastor.

Violations Reported

A total of 52 parking meter violations were reported in Narberth during the month of September, while the month's income from the meters amounted to \$604.25.

Other violations reported in the Borough during the past month were three stop sign and one parking violation.

Payments Authorized

Auditor General G. Harold Warner has approved payment of \$4,638.41 to Firemen's Relief Association in 61 Montgomery County townships and boroughs. Lower Merion Township will receive \$5,594.52; and Narberth Borough \$762.44.

Would Increase Rate to \$1.10 an Hour; Two Boosts in October, 1947, Brought Present Scale to 90 cents an Hour; Also Want 45-Hour Work Week

A petition for a wage increase of \$4.50 per week for Borough workmen was presented to the Narberth Borough Council Monday night.

The petition, signed by five of the nine workmen now on the Borough payroll, also asked for a shorter work week and an additional week of vacation.

George B. Suptee, superintendent of public works in Narberth, stated that the men who signed the petition were comparatively new on the Borough force, while the men who had not signed have been employed by the Borough for many years.

"One of the signers," he said, "has only been employed three months, another four months, and the others from two to three years."

The wage rate of the Borough laborers was increased twice during October, 1947, by the Borough Council. On October 3, their wages were increased to 80c and on October 31 they received an additional increase of 10c an hour to match an increase granted to Lower Merion Township laborers. The petition presented Monday night asked for an increase to \$1.10 per hour.

Other Borough employees received a salary increase at the beginning of this year, so that their salaries would be in line with those paid Lower Merion Township employees.

The workmen's petition also asked for a 45-hour work week instead of a 50-hour week which has always been the Borough work week. The 40-hour week law does not pertain to employees of municipalities.

The Borough labor force consists of one foreman, two truck drivers, and six laborers. The petition was not signed by the foreman, the drivers, and one of the laborers.

Henry P. Carr, acting as president of the Council in the absence of Walter A. Fox, turned the petition over to the chairman of the Highway Committee, William S. Thompson.

All wages of the Borough labor force are paid from the wage allotment set up in the appropriation granted the Highway Committee by Council in the annual Borough budget.

Last year the committee set aside \$21,996 for highway force wages. If the increase is granted, it will not become effective until next year when the wage allotment is determined by the committee.

Appointed to University Post

Appointment of Captain Robert Orr Graham, of 225 Forest Ave., Narberth, as an assistant professor of military science and tactics in the Stanford University's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps has been announced.

Captain Graham is a graduate of Lower Merion High School and of Pennsylvania State College, where he received his A. B. degree in industrial relations. He did graduate work in corporation finance at the University of Pennsylvania.

During World War II he served 32 months in the South Pacific with the Sixth Army. He also participated in both the South and North Philippine campaigns.

OUR TOWN

IS ON SALE EACH WEEK AT THE FOLLOWING STORES:
Davis Store, 224 Haverford Ave., Narberth.

Granite Drug Store, Montgomery Ave., Narberth.

Narberth News, 238 Haverford Ave., Narberth.

Trainer's, 238 Woodbine Ave., Narberth.

